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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/996,850 (Docket No. 21102) filed November 24, 2004, by Hue S. Snowden for "Treated Nonwoven Fabrics and Method of Treating Nonwoven Fabrics."

The listed application is stored in the U.S. Patent Office Image File Wrapper (IFW) system and can be viewed by the Examiner.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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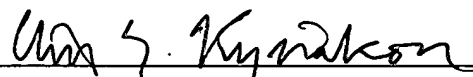
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